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**Inventor(s):** An H. Lam**Confirmation No.:** 9710**Application No.:** 10/816896**Examiner:** Chandran, Biju**Filing Date:** Apr 01, 2004**Group Art Unit:** 2835**Title:** Back Plane And Mid-Plane Assemblies And Related Systems And Methods

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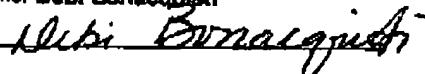
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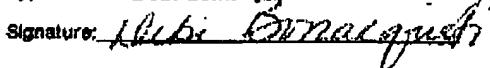
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed 6 December 2005, the Applicant amends and remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.